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△キオ Kio
AN ANGEL. HE TAKES CARE OF MANIFIS.
HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN.
HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.
フラウ Fraw △
ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS.
HE'S KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND EXCELS IN HEALING TECHNIQUES.

STORY & CASTS

* THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. IN THE ANGELS' WORLD, THE HIERARCHY GOES LIKE THIS: ARCHANGELS, THE SEVEN ANGELS, OFFICERS, AND ANGELS. AND THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT MISSIONS.
*THE "ANGEL" KIO AND FRAW, WHO IS PART OF THE "SEVEN", FREE POSSESSED HUMAN SOULS.
*IT WAS REVEALED TO FRAW THAT THE BRUISE ON KIO'S HAND IS ACTUALLY A SIGN INDICATING HE WILL BECOME THE NEXT ARCHANGEL, BUT THEY'RE STILL KEEPING IT A SECRET FROM KIO. AND IT WILL BE A LONG TIME BEFORE KIO CAN ACTUALLY BECOME AN ARCHANGEL.
*WHAT WILL THE NEXT STAGE IN THE EXTERMINATION OF MANIFIS BE FOR THOSE TWO...?

MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT COME TO EARTH THROUGH A "PATH" FROM THE SOUL PRISON. THEY POSSESS PARTS OF DECEASED SOULS OR LIVING HUMANS.

READ VOLUMES 1-3 TO KNOW MORE!

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS IN TRUTH. HE'S THE ARCHANGEL.

ANGEL. ON MANIFIS DUTY.

ANGEL. HIS DUTY IS TO BRING HUMANS TOGETHER.

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Vrooom
FRAW..
HM—?
I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE NOW...

IF OTHER ANGELS SAW ME MAKING ONE OF THE SEVEN RIDE BEHIND ME, THEY'D FIND IT STRANGE FOR SURE!
DO YOU WANT TO SWITCH PLACES?
NO, IT'S ALRIGHT
WHY DON'T YOU GET YOURSELF A VEHICLE?
BUT I DON'T NEED ONE, SINCE YOU'VE GOT ONE, RIGHT?
THAT'S NOT THE POINT!
JUST... DON'T CLING TO ME LIKE THAT.
EH— BUT I'M GONNA FALL.
Squeeze
FRAW! Don't squeeze me! I can't breathe!
HE'S SO SHY...
Sorry sorry
BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO FIND IT EASILY.

wind
FWSH
KWAH!
EH!?
THE SEA IS SO BIG...
AND WE CAN'T HEAR THE DISTRESS CALL ANY-MORE...
LET'S CIRCLE AROUND THAT AREA FOR A WHIL...
YOU...
It's hairy...

THAT'S LUKE'S CELESTIAL BEAST, RIGHT?
YEAH
BERRY, WHERE'S LUKE?
YIP

BERRY!
YIP

IF WE COMPARE THE POSITION OF THE SUN TO WHAT BERRY TOLD US
HE'S BEEN UNDER THE WATER FOR ABOUT 3 HOURS.
BERRY COULDN'T CALL THE ANGELS WORLD FOR HELP,
AND EVEN THOUGH HE CAN JUMP HIGH, HE CAN'T FLY

IN THE SEA...?

YOU DID A GREAT JOB.
LEAVE THE REST TO US.
CAN WE LEAVE MILK AND SILK TO YOU WHILE WE GO?
YIP
EVEN THOUGH IT'S THE DUTY OF THE OFFICERS TO RESCUE ANGELS,
KIO CAN'T LEAVE ANYONE BEHIND.
Say why did he go in there?
Eh? You don't know?
Splsh
KIO,
COULD YOU WAIT A SECOND?

I FOUND LUKE'S LIGHT.
Splash
Splash
HE'S QUITE DEEP, IN THAT DIRECTION.
FRAW... YOU CAN EVEN FIND ANGELS' LIGHTS UNDERWATER.
I CAN
ESPECIALLY YOUR LIGHT, KIO...
I COULD FIND YOU WHEREVER YOU WERE

Huh?
THEN, BACK THEN... I DIDN'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR YOU AT THAT CROWDED PLACE IN THAT EMBARRASSING OUTFIT OF YOURS!?
*see volume 1
Ah, that's true
But you were so cute like that
SO YOU'RE ACTUALLY THE ONE SENSING THE POWERFUL MANIFIS?
NO, YOU'RE STILL BETTER AT THAT
Err, if possible could you quarrel later ...
Splash

THE SEA'S SO PRISTINE
SO WHY IS IT THAT THERE'S NO FISH?
...DON'T TELL ME THAT MANIFIS ALSO CAME DOWN HERE?
BUT UNTIL NOW, SUCH A THING NEVER...
KIO, WE HAVE TO ENTER THAT CRACK IN THE ROCK.
NO.
MAYBE IT'S ONLY BECAUSE I CAN'T SENSE THEIR PRESENCE AS EASILY UNDERWATER
THE WAY OUT'S BRIGHT
Whoosh

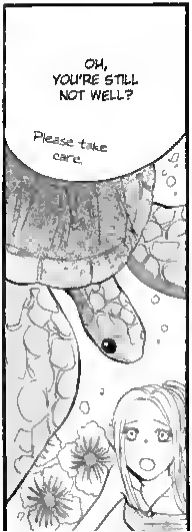
...
THIS
IS...
Kyaaa—
Ah
ah
ah
ah
This
way!
This
way—

Whoops!
YOU ARE STUCK!
WHAT IS THIS GRASS! I'm all tangled up!
Now let's play some pranks.
Kya!
Ah..!
LUKE ...!?
HEY THERE.
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
He's com- pletely fine, isn't he?
IT'S ALRIGHT, THOSE TWO AREN'T SCARY.
LUKE!

MY LAST JOB WAS REALLY HARSH, YOU KNOW. SO WHEN I FLEW OVER THIS PLACE AND SAW THEM, I THOUGHT I'D PLAY WITH THEM.
It's scary
He's angry
HUH? IT'S ALREADY BEEN THAT LONG?
BERRY'S BEEN WORRIED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
Huh?
BUT I TOLD HER TO WAIT A LITTLE WHILE FOR ME.
FOR 3 HOURS!?
WE HAD NO INTENTION OF FRIGHTENING YOU.
WE APOLOGIZE FOR ENTERING THE MERMAID'S DOMAIN WITHOUT YOUR KNOWLEDGE.
AH... NO...
WEL-COME!
WE CAN TAKE YOU TO THE PALACE, IF YOU WANT.
AS EXPECTED OF ONE OF THE SEVEN.
Their attitudes completely different from when I arrive.

SINCE YOU'VE JUST ARRIVED, IT SHOULD BE OKAY TO STAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
Learn about them!
IT TAKES A LOT OF EFFORT TO WIN THEIR FAVOR.

WELL, WOULD YOU GUIDE US TO THE PALACE, THEN?
LUKE!
DON'T GET ANGRY, OR YOU'LL FRIGHTEN THEM AGAIN


OH, YOU'RE STILL NOT WELL?
Please take care.

WE'RE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE SEA, BUT THE WATER HERE IS WARM AND IT ISN'T UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE
THERE'S QUITE THE VARIETY OF ANIMALS

HE'S ALWAYS DONE THINGS AT HIS OWN PACE. LET'S STAY WITH THEM FOR A LITTLE BEFORE GOING BACK.
Ura...

THIS IS THE RECEPTION HALL.
IT'S PRETTY...
THIS PEARL IS OUR PRIDE.
OH, IT'S A RAINBOW
FOR SOME REASON, IT FEELS LIKE ALL OF THEM AREN'T FEELING WELL!!!
I'M GLAD WE CAME THIS WAY...
AS I THOUGHT, THERE'S SOMETHING...
HEY, LUKE
EEEH! REALLY? I CAN TAKE IT?
WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF THOSE
Then let's put that in your hair
It suits you!
Let's go see the rest
SENSE OF DANGER: ZERO

THIS PALACE IS WAY TOO BIG
LUKE.
JUST A LITTLE MORE
UM. AREN'T YOU ENJOYING IT?
EH...
AH, NO— IT'S NOT THAT.
IF LUKE, WHO'S BEEN FIGHTING MANIFIS FOR LONGER THAN I HAVE, IS ACTING LIKE THAT, WILL I REALLY BE ALRIGHT...?
SORRY, BERRY
Heh. I can tell that he's having fun by looking.
He's not angry

THEN WHAT ABOUT THE LAST FLOOR?
LU...
THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH

I MEAN... THERE ARE OTHER MERMAIDS SLEEPING THERE...
I SEE. TOO BAD.

BUT THERE'S MORE, RIGHT?
YES.
DID WE SEE IT ALL?
AH! BUT YOU CAN'T GO INTO OUR ROOMS!
OH?

BUT LUKE'S BEEN TOUCHING ALL THE ORNAMENTS.
AND WHEN HE DOES...
No
Is that your treasure room, maybe?
Right, you can't go no way.
That's a problem.

KIO,
I NOTICED IT EARLIER

EH... OVER THERE IS...
I'm going to lose my temper, cut it out.
HEY!

LATELY, HIS HEALTH'S TAKEN A DOWN-TURN...
SINCE WHEN?
ABOUT 7 DAYS
THE TRUTH IS THAT THERE ARE MANY MERMAIDS WHOSE HEALTH HAS BEEN POOR, AS WELL

MAYBE THE FISH HAVE BEEN FEELING THE EFFECT TOO, BECAUSE THEY'RE NOT WELL EITHER.
THAT'S RIGHT, AND IT STARTED AROUND THE SAME TIME, TOO
TRUE, AND THE "OUTSIDE" HAS BEEN STRANGE, TOO
—BUT I WANTED TO MEET YOUR LORD SO MUCH!

—EH ...?
YOUR LORD'S ROOM?

EH...!
IF I MAKE A POLITE CALL TO WISH HIM WELL,
HE WON'T BE ABLE TO TALK TO ME?
NO... MAYBE HE COULD...
EVEN YESTERDAY HE LEFT HIS ROOM TO TALK TO US ALL.
THEN,

ONE...!
ONE OF THE SEVEN!?
Now now
Luke!
SINCE ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS TOOK GREAT PAINS TO COME DOWN HERE.
He has to go and greet him.
PL... PLEASE FOLLOW ME.
THANK YOU
WHAT A SURPRISE—!
I DID THINK HE LOOKED SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT...
HOW FANTASTIC
I touched him. Kyaaa—♥
BUT WHY WOULD ONE OF THE SEVEN BE HERE!?

THAT'S THE ENTRANCE?
IF YOU CLIMB THROUGH THAT PASSAGE, YOU'LL ENTER THE ROOM.

TREMENDOUS SUCCESS ♡
Why would you go that far?
Now now

IS THAT WHAT THIS IS ABOUT?
LUKE

HE MUST BE SLEEPING
MY LORD—?

MY LORD,
THERE ARE SOME VISITORS FOR YOU.

THEY'RE HERE, RIGHT?
AND IN GREAT NUMBER.
YEAH, I'VE ALREADY SENSED THEIR PRESENCE
SEE... I TOLD YOU NOT TO FRIGHTEN THEM.
THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING.
ERR..?
What is "here"?
SINCE IT'S DIFFICULT TO PERCEIVE THEM UNDERWATER, I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND UNTIL WE GOT MUCH CLOSER TO THEM
BUT YOU SURE ARE DIFFERENT, KIO

COULD YOU ALL PLEASE LEAVE THE CASTLE?
IT'S ALRIGHT
WE'LL HELP YOU NO MATTER WHAT.
OK!
Ooh, he even used that technique
SHALL WE BEGIN, THEN?
YOU'VE BEEN PLANTING YOUR FEATHERS AROUND THE AREA, RIGHT?
Quick Quick
AH, YOU SAW.
YEAH, IT'S A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

LUKE.
GOOD, EVERYONE LEFT THE PALACE.
LET'S HURRY
THEY'RE MOVING
I'LL BE ALRIGHT, FIGHTING UNDERWATER IS MY SPECIALTY.
IT'LL BE EASIER TO DO IT ALONE IN HERE.
YOU'LL FIGHT ALONE?
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE ONES IN THE PASSAGE. YOU GO AHEAD TO THE LORD'S ROOM.

〈SFX: FLAP〉
〈SFX: SWISH〉
GOT IT.
LET'S GO!

Kwsh
Slide
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GLUG
<SFX THUD>
<SFX THUD>
<SFX THUD>
<SFX THUD>
<SFX SHUSH>
LET'S PULL THEM AWAY FIRST
THEY'RE INFECTING HIM.

(SFX ROAR)
EH!?
ホール
(SFX EEEK)
AS EXPECTED, I'M ONLY FAMILIAR FIGHTING ABOVE GROUND
THEY'RE FAST!
(SFX SWISH)

KIO, THROW YOUR FEATHERS AT THE CYCLONE.
EVEN IF YOU DON'T STAB THEM DIRECTLY
EH...
<SFX: KUMULE>
<SFX: BYU>
YOU'LL CERTAINLY RELEASE THEM
JUST BELIEVE IN IT AND THROW THEM!
BELIEVING ...
IN MY OWN STRENGTH?
ALRIGHT ...

RELEASE THESE MERMAIDS' SOULS!
(SFX: WISH)
Stab
I... DID IT...?
(SFX: GYA)
(SFX: THWACK)

GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!
(SFX: SWISH)
Crumble
YOU DID IT.
YEAH
I KNEW THAT YOU OF ALL PEOPLE COULD DO IT

《SFX: GRAB》
《SFX: SEEK》
KIO, QUICK, RELEASE HIM!
LEAVE THIS BODY!
HUFF

(SFX: PUSH)
Thud
Wah!
(SFX: STAB)
DAMN.
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECTED.
LEAVE IT TO ME.

SFX: SLAM
AND THREE
I FOUND ONE... TWO.
SFX: EEEK
Slide
WHAT'S HAPPENING?
PRETTY LIGHTS KEEP APPEARING HERE AND THERE.
WHA-WHOA
I FEEL BETTER... ALL OF A SUDDEN.
WH..T IS IT?
GOOD, THAT'S THE END OF IT.
THE FEATHERS I LAID IN A TRAP CAME IN HANDY.
...
Ugh.

splash
WH... WHO ARE YOU...
Splash
WE'RE BACK.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
It's okay, I wasn't bored.
Startled
Meow
Meow

THEY EVEN GAVE ME PRESENTS,
AND ASKED ME TO COME AGAIN.
LUKE...

THANK YOU THAT'S MY BEAST.
YOU EVEN CALLED FOR HELP...
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRY.
It's nothing.
It was the obvious thing to do

...YEAH, WELL...

THEN I REMEMBERED THERE WAS A MERMAID DOMAIN AROUND HERE, AND I WONDERED IF MANIFIS HAD GOTTEN THERE
I HAD NOTICED THE UNUSUAL CHANGE IN THE SEA FIRST.

YOU INTENDED TO FIGHT THEM ALL ON YOUR OWN...
YOU WENT THERE KNOWING THERE WERE MANIFIS FROM THE START.

THOSE MERMAIDS ARE REALLY GENTLE, BUT THEY'RE EASILY FRIGHTENED
SO I THOUGHT I SHOULD TRY MAKING FRIENDS WITH THEM BEFORE GETTING RID OF THE MANIFIS AND THAT'S WHAT TOOK TIME
IF THERE HAD BEEN TOO MANY OF THEM, I'D HAVE COME BACK FIRST.
Ahaha.
BUT I NEVER THOUGHT YOU AND LORD FRAW WOULD COME
It was quite a surprise.
BUT I'M LUCKY YOU CAME
WITH THAT MUCH SKILL, WHY IS IT THAT YOU CAN'T BECOME AN OFFICER, LUKE?
Hm...
MAYBE BECAUSE I ONLY RELEASE NON-HUMAN SOULS.

YOU'RE SO SERIOUS, OUR LITTLE KIO.
YOU SHOULD DROP BY ONCE IN A WHILE.
WELL, SEE YOU AROUND
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
HE CAN HANDLE THOSE GREAT FEATHER TECHNIQUES SO EASILY.
BUT EVEN THOUGH HE DOESN'T LOOK SERIOUS, IT SEEMS LIKE HE'S BEEN TRYING HIS HARDEST IN PLACES I DIDN'T EVEN KNOW ABOUT
HE DOESN'T CHANGE, DOES HE?
THAT'S TRUE

SHALL WE GO, TOO?
YEAH.
He's waiting for Kio to get the nike out
TO BELIEVE IN MY OWN POWER ...
IS THAT ALSO STRENGTH ...?
IT'S DARK, SO WE SHOULD BE OKAY FLYING, RIGHT?
Luke did that, too
EEHHH ...
I liked Lord Kio
Lord Luke was gorgeous too
Ahh, Lord Frau—
It was the first time I talked to an angel it's so fantastic!
Yup yup
Aah me too! I felt so good when he smiled!
MY VIEW-POINT IS STILL SO NARROW.
HUMANS AREN'T THE ONLY ONES SUFFERING BECAUSE OF MANIFIS...

The large trees of the Angels World.

When I was drawing the large trees that link the Angels World and the Humans World, I wanted to go take pictures of huge trees. The first ones that came into my mind were Yakushima's Jomon cedars.

But to see these, you need time and to be in good shape, so I gave up on the idea.

Then I suddenly remembered the great tree near a park where I played when I was little. It takes around 10 minutes to go there from my house, and now they even included it in a tourist route that didn't exist before. There was even an explanation tag.

Camphor Tree, age : approximately 800 years old.

Even looking at it as an adult, it was huge enough! Magnificent! I decided to make it my model. A number of its big branches had to be cut for safety sake, even if it was a pity.

I feel a great gratitude for this tree that is even now a relic of the primitive forests. I asked it then if it would let me take pictures so that I could draw it. And after it gave me its permission, I took pictures of that great tree.

And that's how I drew the huge trees that appear here in volume 4.

Thank you for reading! See you!

S. MORIMOTO

●4巻です！　私は二面性のあるメガネキャラが好きです。そのキャラがどのタイミングでメガネ外した顔を見せるのか、結構考えてしまいます（←そんなにたいした事でもないのに）。さて上の人はいつソレをとるのか!?

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